A Salute To A Beloved Appomattox Business - Civic Leader

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Sorrow no other veteran citizen in Appomattox County enjoys reminiscing with, after a fashion qualified to speak with authority, than the genial gentleman as Thomas Walker Moses, a beloved citizen of Appomattox County for 85 years, more than this August.

Although Mr. Moses partially retired from business 15 months ago due to his illness and that of his wife, Mrs. Cora Mann Moses, Mr. Tom can efficiently transact business and give words and wise counsel over the telephone to the staff of Moses Motor Company, and accomplish as much creatively as many active gentlemen in the full flush of life is wont and respected by scores of present and former employees who have worked under his genial but long and versatile business career.

Mr. Moses was born in Patrick County August 2, 1873, son of the late Charles Thomas and Mary Mount Moses, pioneers in a home which has been preserved and reconstructed by their children.

At the early age of [illegible] Mr. Moses began his business career as a clerk in the store of Mr. Jack Mann, father of Mrs. Moses, at Mann's Store, Patrick County. Later he was employed by Mr. Mann at Mann's Store, Appomattox County, and by Mr. Mann's son-in-law, Mr. Ferguson, at Ferguson's Store, Appomattox.

Pioneering in the tobacco warehouse business here, Mr. Moses and Robert C. Eubank operated for two years a tobacco warehouse located on Court Street, and was more than successful in that venture.

Mr. Moses then entered the automobile business, which is known to illustrate, that the [illegible] can be successfully changed. Appointed agent of a [illegible] car, he [illegible] the first car sold in the county. The car was a Ford, bought from D. N. Twyman and [illegible].

Later, Mr. Moses opened a warehouse in the building now occupied by Moses Motor Company, [illegible] Ford agency. He [illegible] Mr. Eubank, [illegible] Mr. Moses [illegible] Mr. Eubank [illegible] Mr. Moses [illegible] Mr. Eubank [illegible] Mr. Moses [illegible] Mr. Eubank